

Board of Health, Town of Monson

Wednesday July 14, 2021

Town Offices, Small Conference Room

The meeting was convened at 4:48 PM

Board members present were John (Beau) Schneider, Chairman, Mary Hull, Elaine Kurasinski, Larisa Krutov. Health Agent Lori McCool was also in attendance. Board member Nakita Sullivan was not present due to being away on vacation. Vinnie, building department, was present for most of the meeting.

The Board welcomes Larisa, newly appointed member. With her appointment, the Board of Health becomes a full five member board.

Lorri McCool's updates: Trailer residence inspection. Tenant allowed access. Conditions grossly unsanitary and several fire safety issues found. Safety issues were corrected first. Tenants began remediating the unsanitary conditions. Progress is being made and Lorri will return to follow up tomorrow. Also, a Main Street rental unit was visited secondary to several health and safety code issues. A discarded appliance was outside the residence. Inside issues appeared to be easily correctable. Lori will follow up. In regard to resident code violations for which they may not have the resources with which to correct, Mary Hull will look into the Wayfair Program which possibly can provide grant money to assist.

In the absence of being, as yet, able to schedule Eric Weiss for an appearance with the board, Lorri presented an in depth summary of the Shared Service Agreement proposal, that being an agreement amongst Longmeadow, Wilbraham, Hampden and Monson to pool their public health professional resources into several full-time positions, services of whom are to be shared with the communities as stated above. This initially will be, if approved by all four communities, a three year agreement funded by a \$325,000 grant. Lorri has made it known that during the transition she will be willing to fill in on a per diem basis. Her retirement will be official on August 1<sup>st</sup>. A Municipality Statement of Agreement, relative to this proposed Shared Services Agreement, was presented to the board for signature. It documents the BOH and Town of Monson's commitment to pursue good faith negotiations for the proposed Shared Services Agreement.

Beau Schneider made a motion that the board approve the Municipality Statement of Agreement for signature by the Chairman, BOH. All in favor. Lori will ask Eric Weiss to join us at a later meeting to discuss further details.

Board member Elaine, also a Food Safe certified entrepreneur, just learned that in order to have all required clearances for operation of an ice cream truck in Massachusetts, she must complete a Cori-check. The request has been initiated with Chief Kozloski. In related business, it was acknowledged that BOH should review its food related permit structure and fees at a future meeting. This was an agenda item on our cancelled meeting of June 24, 2021.

The minutes of May 20, 2021 and June 10, 2021 were read and approved as written by unanimous vote.

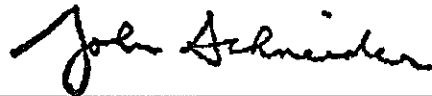
The document, BOH Recommendations for Renewal of the Trash Contract for Fiscal 2022, was reviewed in extensive detail. Many questions, suggestions and opinions were aired and discussed. This is in preparation for the July 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the BOH with Dan Higgins of Republic Services, and with Jennifer Wolowicz, Town of Monson administrator, planning on being in attendance. The recommendations as written were approved by unanimous vote. It was suggested and agreed that trash and recycling should be on every future meeting agenda. This to insure that the town is continuously reviewing the customer service and accountability related to trash service and to, similarly, continuously consider improvements and alternatives.

Also for future agenda will be a Wellness Fair. The last one that the BOH sponsored at Memorial Hall was a resounding success with seemingly nothing but enthusiastic kudos.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40P by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted by John (Beau) Schneider, Chairperson

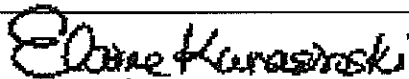
Beau Schneider, Chairperson



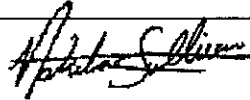
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